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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON BICENTENNIAL

1. IN LETTER TO CHARGE OF JULY 5, PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD: QUOTE
"C'EST POUR MOI UN GRAND PLAISIR DE VOUS ADRESSER AU NOM DU PEUPLE, DU CONSEIL SUPREME DE LA REVOLUTION, DU GOUVERNMENT MALGACHES AINSI QU'EN MON NOM PERSONNEL, LES FELICITATIONS LES PLUS CHALEUREUSES A L'OCCASION DE L'ANNI-VERSAIRE DE L'INDEPENDANCE DE VOTRE PAYS.
"JE FORME LES VOEUX LES PLUS SINCERES POUR VOTRE BONHEUR PERSONNEL ET POUR LA PROSPERITE DU PEUPLE AMERICAIN.
"PUISSENT LES RELATIONS QUI EXISTENT ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS SE DEVELOPPER HARMONIEUSEMENT DANS L'INTERET MUTUEL DE NOS DEUX PEUPLES.
SIGNE: DIDIER RATSIRAKA
PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE
DEMOCRATIQUE DE MADAGASCAR"
UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION:
"IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO SEND YOU ON BEHALF OF THE MALAGASY PEOPLE, THE SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, AND THE GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS MYSELF PERSONALLY MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE.
"I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR
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YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING AND FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE

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AMERICAN PEOPLE.
"MAY THE RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES DEVELOP HARMONIOUSLY IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF OUR TWO PEOPLES.

SIGNED: DIDIER RATSIRAKA
PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR"

3. LETTER BEING POUCHED. SHEINBAUM

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